# FACILITIES IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

## **Giant Forest Area**

### GIANT FOREST SEQUOIA GROVE

6400' (1950m) elevation. Home of the world's biggest trees, it offers 40 miles (64 km) of walking trails. See highlights on page 6, and page 3 for information on road delays between Giant Forest and Three Rivers.

- Giant Forest Museum (NPS): Daily 9am-6pm through 6/29, then 9am 7pm. Reduced hours starting 9/3. Exhibits about the Big Trees. Books, maps, first aid. 1-559-565-4480. No payphone; closest phones are at Lodgepole & Wolverton.
- Family Nature Center at Beetle Rock (NPS): Daily 6/30 through 8/19, 10am 4pm. Across the Generals Highway from the Giant Forest Museum. Stop in, one and all!
- Picnic Areas (NPS): See the map on page 12; details on page 3.

#### CRYSTAL CAVE - Daily tours

This cavern is one of the highlights of the park! Tickets are not sold at the cave; see page 3 for details and schedule.

## Lodgepole Area

#### LODGEPOLE VILLAGE

6700' (2040 m) elevation. A few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River. For nearby picnic areas see page 3 and your map. Lodgepole Village offers:

#### **INFORMATION (NPS)**

- Visitor Center: Daily 7am-6pm through 9/2 then reduced hours. Crystal Cave tickets sold 8am 4pm. Exhibits on geology & forest life; books, maps, first aid. Pay phone. New "Bears of the Sierra" movie. 1-559-565-4436.
- Wilderness Permits: Required for backcountry overnight trips. See page 4 for details. In the visitor center daily 7am-11am & noon-3:45pm. 1-559-565-4408.

#### FOOD & SHOPS (DNCPR)

- Lodgepole Market & Gift Shop: Daily 8am-8pm through 9/2, then 9am-6pm. Supplies, bear canisters, gifts, premade sandwiches, ice cream.
- Harrison Grill: Daily 8am-7:45pm through 9/3, then weekends only. Breakfast, hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza.
- Watchtower Deli: Daily 11am-6pm through 9/2. Sandwiches, salads.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

- Lodgepole Campground (NPS): Open all year. Details on page 11.
- Laundry (DNCPR): Daily 8am-8pm.
- Showers & Laundry (DNCPR): Daily 8am-7:45pm through 9/2 then 9am 5:45pm. Showers closed daily 1-3pm for cleaning. Last load of laundry in 1 hour before closing.
- Post Office: Weekdays 8am-Ipm & 2-4pm. I-559-565-3678. Lobby with stamp machine open 24 hours. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262.
- Picnic Areas (NPS): See the map on page 12; details on page 3.
- Pay Telephones: Outside visitor center & market buildings.

#### WUKSACHI LODGE & DINING ROOM

7200' (2160 m) elevation. Open year-round 4 miles (6.4 km) north of the Sherman Tree. The center for lodging & food services in Sequoia.

#### FOOD, SHOPS & LODGING (DNCPR)

- Dining Room: Breakfast 7-10am; lunch 11:30am-2:30pm; dinner 5-10pm through 9/2, then slightly reduced hours. Dinner reservations required. Box lunches available. 559-565-4070. Lounge daily 4:30-10pm; reduced hours starting 9/3. Pay telephones downstairs.
- Gift Shop: Daily 8am-8. Film, souvenirs, crafts, clothing, art, snacks.
- Lodging: Year-round. See page 10 for details.

Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts and the National Park Foundation have made it easy for Wuksachi Lodge guests to contribute to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Ask about the Guest Donation Program when you check in!

#### **WOLVERTON MEADOWS**

7200' (2160 m) elevation. Two miles (3.2km) north of the Sherman Tree. Wolverton BBQ (DNCPR): Nightly through 9/2 daily, weather permitting. All-you-can-eat barbeque, served outdoors starting around 6pm.

This list is not complete; check bulletin boards for more! Note: No evening programs available on Thursday, August 9.

# GIANT FOREST, LODGEPOLE, DORST & WUKSACHI Programs 6/29 - 8/18; some continue into September.

- Daily 10:30 am & 4:30 pm Sherman Tree Talk: Tales about the largest tree in the world! Meet at base of the tree. Plan at least 20 minutes to walk from parking lot. 30 minutes.
- Daily 11 am Moro Vistas: Meet a ranger on top of Moro Rock. Plan at least 15 minutes to climb the historic staircase! 30 minutes.
- Daily 1 pm Beetle Rock Rollick: Kids! Discover a secret about Sequoia. Activities vary daily. At Beetle Rock Education Center, next to the main Giant Forest Museum parking lot. 1 hour.
- Daily 1:30 pm Critters of the Sierra: Discover the animals that call Sequoia Park home. In front of Lodgepole Visitor Center. 30 minutes.
- Daily 2:30 pm Realm of Giants: Explore the world's largest trees. Meet in front of Giant Forest Museum. 2 hours.
- Lodgepole Evening Campfire: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, & Wednesday. Learn more about the park! While Lodgepole Campground Amphitheater is being renovated, look for us in the small campfire circle in the campground parking lot. 1 hour.

#### THE FOOTHILLS - Programs given through 9/3

- Daily 10am Bears! Meet at Foothills Visitor Center. 15 minutes.
- Saturday/Sunday 10am River Critters of the Kaweah: Check visitor center or bulletin boards for location; wear shoes that can get wet.
- Daily noon Hospital Rock Talk: Meet at this cultural feature to learn more about it and the foothills area. 1 hour.
- Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Potwisha Campfire: Meet at the campground amphitheater for family fun. 1 hour. Check for times.
- Friday & Saturday- Twilight Walk: A walk along the Kaweah. Locations & times vary; check with the Foothills Visitor Center.

  Meet at Potwisha Campfire Circle & bring a flashlight. 1-1/4 hour.

#### **MINERAL KING**

Check bulletin boards for times, locations, & other details.

# FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

### Foothills Area

500-3500' (457-1067 m) elevation. Oaks, chaparral, & river canyons; hot summers & snow-free winters; & the greatest biological diversity in these parks. Park headquarters is at Ash Mountain.

- Visitor Center (NPS): Daily 8am-4:30pm (6pm starting 6/15). Exhibits, books, maps, bear canisters, first aid, local wilderness permits (8am-4pm). Starting 5/11, Crystal Cave tickets sold until 3:45pm. 1-559-565-3135.
- Potwisha Campground (NPS): Year-round. Details on page II.
- Pay Telephones: Foothills Visitor Center (by front door), Potwisha Campground, Hospital Rock Picnic Area (on restroom wall).

## **Mineral King Area**

See page 6 for more details. Be aware: In spring & early summer, marmots chew on hoses and wiring in parked cars in the valley.

7800' (2380 m) elevation. A subalpine valley at the end of a steep, narrow, difficult road (no RVs, buses, or trailers, please). No electricity or gas.

- Ranger Station (NPS): Daily 8am-4pm (register for wilderness permits on the porch until then). Maps, books, local wilderness permits (8am-4pm), first aid, & bear canisters. 559-565-3768.
- Pay Telephones: Cold Springs Campground, Sawtooth parking area.
- Silver City Mountain Resort: Cabins, chalets, showers, small store (gifts, limited supplies & ice; no gas or fishing licenses). Restaurant/bakery/store: Through 9/15: Thursday-Monday 8am-8pm, Tuesday-Wednesday bakery & store only, 8am-3pm. Summer 559-561-3223; winter 805-461-3223; www.silvercityresort.com.
- Camping (NPS): No RVs or trailers. Details: page II.